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IMPORTANT ROAD MATTERS TO BE SETTLED THE 29TH

THE LAWRENCE FISCAL COURT CALLED TOGETHER NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR VITAL ACTION

Judge Riffe has called the Lawrence Fiscal Court to meet next week, and Wednesday, the 29th, is to be devoted to consideration of the critical situation in regard to the Mayo Trail. Also, the other two roads included in the bond issue voted by Lawrence county.

In the NEWS last week the situation was explained. We are called upon to spend half of our bond issue on the two roads called the Mayo Trail—from the county seat to the Boyd county line and the Johnson county line. This is exactly what was expected when the bonds were voted. The law was then changed and we were asked to loan the money to the State. The Court of Appeals decided this to be illegal. Now we must put the money at the disposal of the State department to be used in starting these roads, as the State has not enough funds in hand to meet the Federal aid requirements, and these must be met before a contract can be advertised.

Even this is twice as much a proposition as we had under the old State aid law. We will get a good better road for the same amount of our money and get it sooner. To reject this plan means to throw away a gift of more than a million dollars. Not only that, but it means that we will block the other counties up the valley and cause them to lose all State and Federal aid. Lawrence is now the key. Boyd has acted favorably. Johnson, Floyd and Pike say it is useless for them to do anything until Lawrence acts.

Johnson has called her fiscal court together for the 30th, the next day after ours meets. If we act favorably, Johnson will do the same, we believe. Delay means that if Congress changes the law before a contract is let here, we will lose Federal aid and all hope of this great road. Let's not be caught napping again.

With the help of the bond money the grading of the two roads through Lawrence can be accomplished, it is said. The State will thus have time to accumulate funds to match Federal aid for surfacing the roads.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court also is expected to take the first steps toward using the other half of the bond issue on the Blaine and Point roads.

We take pleasure in adding hereto a strong letter received Thursday morning from Mr. W. D. O'Neal, now of Catlettsburg. Also, attention is called to a very sensible article in this issue, written and signed by Mr. Chapman, a member of the Lawrence Fiscal Court.

Big Sandy News:

I read with much interest the letter of Mr. Posey in last week's NEWS. His letter is a plain statement of existing conditions that can not be lightly looked upon, but must be acted upon, and promptly, or we are in grave danger of losing the long hoped for hard road up the Big Sandy. Mr. Posey is not a politician, or seeking popularity, or interested otherwise than as an engineer building roads. He has plainly pointed out the way to yet secure the Government money which seems absolutely necessary to build the Mayo Trail, and called attention to the limited time to act upon it. The Lawrence County bonds have been voted by the citizens, who have also by their votes delegated to the members of the Fiscal Court the power to accept, or reject, the proposal of the Government and State to build this road on the condition required of the various counties through which it runs.

This road has been a dream of the Big Sandy people for many years, and now by yielding to the terms required by the State Engineer and the State Highway Commission, which are reasonable, we are almost to a realization of this road. The road itself is not the full realization of what is to follow. It means one main trunk road through the county for general transportation and travel, and is a start for a system of roads feeding into this main road from many sections of the county, and there must be a start or we will never have the system.

It is estimated that the United States Government will pay \$740,000.00 on this road, and with the state's money added, there will be an expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 in Lawrence county. A great amount of this money will be spent among the citizens of Lawrence county and remain in the county after the road is built and you will have the road and also a large amount of the money paid for building it. It would look like a great blunder on the part of the citizens and officers to let this unusual opportunity go by and be taken up by some other section of the state, now anxiously seeking the opportunity, which is offered the Big Sandy counties. If the appropriation of \$125,000.00 will secure the letting of a contract that will tie the Government up to the building of the road the officers of the county can do a great service by "clenching" it.

Boyd county is now at work on the Mayo Trail, the first mile being partly constructed and the slag is being put in. This work is being paid for by the proceeds of county bonds, under the supervision of Government engineers, with the understanding that the contract will be let at the same time it is proposed to let it in Lawrence, and the work done will be taken over and

the county given credit for it and the top put on under the contract. But the letting of the contract in Boyd may depend on the action of the other counties in accepting, or rejecting, the proposals now being made by the State Road Department. At any rate Boyd county is going to have a road; it is now under way.

The road may not be located where some of us would prefer, but the location is fixed by those who have the power and we may as well accept it as final and get behind it; any location is better than none at all. I know the officials of Lawrence county, and know them to be good men who will do the right thing when they see it, and while opportunity is knocking at their door I do not believe they will turn it down. Every interest of the county demands that this road be secured, if possible, and it seems practically certain it acted upon promptly. It seems to me that if there ever was a time for every citizen of the county to get busy and wield his influence for roads, this is the time. Forget all disappointment as to location and get one road, and then go after the next. Though not now a citizen of Lawrence, I still have an interest in the county, its roads, and the welfare of its people.

Respectfully,

W. D. O'NEAL

MRS. ALBERT MCGOWAN DEAD.

The death of Mrs. Albert McGowan occurred on last Monday at her home at New Boston, Ohio, following a stroke of paralysis at two o'clock that morning. A message was received by Louisa relatives calling them to her bedside, but before they reached there she had passed away. She was a sister of Mrs. Mary Davis and Miss Lizzie Jackson, of this place, and lived in Louisa for some time before moving to Ohio.

She is survived by her husband and several grown children.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Brack Skaggs, 18, to Maggie Hatfield, 14, of Lowmansville.

Hardin Pruett, 24, of Pawpaw, to Fannie Farley, 21, of Rose Siding, W. Va.

Longie Church, 22, and Hazel O'Bryant, 16, of Lowmansville.

Landsey Spencer, 23, to Minnie Adams, 22, of Fort Gay, W. Va.

HARBIN-WATSON

REVIVAL MEETINGS

SERVICES WILL BEGIN JANUARY SECOND AND CONTINUE TWO WEEKS OR MORE.

As announced last week a series of revival meetings will begin at the M. E. Church South in Louisa on January 2nd.

Rev. Walter G. Harbin, general evangelist, from Center Point, Texas, will do the preaching. The singing will be under the leadership of A. C. Watson, Jr., of South Carolina. He is a socialist and leader and also a personal worker.

The following testimonials are taken from quite a number of very strong ones that we have seen:

(Editorial from Daily Herald, Palestine, Texas.)

Referring to the sermons being preached at Centenary Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Harbin the Herald is frank to say this preacher has a message every time he preaches that is equal to and superior to many of the lectures we frequently pay a dollar to hear. Even aside from their religious value, just as entertaining and instructive lectures, they are well worth your time. The evangelist is endeavoring to point the way to better living for men and women; and he is a brilliant and fascinating speaker and you are neglecting a splendid opportunity if you are failing to hear him.

Rev. John E. Green, a Texas pastor, says:

Our church is fortunate in having a man like W. G. Harbin as one of its general evangelists. He is, indeed, one of our strongest preachers with one of the best religious experiences. He does effective work everywhere he goes. I can heartily commend him to the brethren everywhere. Fellow pastors, you'll make no mistake in calling to your assistance this first class evangelist.

PIKE MAN INDICTED IN LEXINGTON FOR FORGERY

Lexington, Ky.—Ralph McCoy, Fish Trap, Pike county, who was arrested by police when he attempted to pass a worthless check at the Lafayette Hotel, was indicted on two charges of forgery by the grand jury today. His bond was fixed at \$1,000. Investigation showed that he had passed a certified check on the Bank of Commerce here which proved to be a forgery.

HELD UP IN HUNTINGTON.

Warren Ballenger, former Wayne resident, was assaulted by two highwaymen in Huntington a few nights ago. He was struck on the head and afterward shot in the arm.

ALLEN TABOR'S BODY ARRIVES.

The body of G. W. Tabor's son, killed in France, has arrived at New York and will reach East Lynn, Wayne county, W. Va., the last of this week. He was one of the first Wayne men to arrive in France and was killed in battle.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Mary S. Wilson and family wish to express their sincere appreciation of the sympathy and kindness shown them in their bereavement.

THE BOND ISSUE SHOULD BE USED

BOARD OF TRADE URGES COUNTY OFFICIALS TO USE FUNDS AS VOTED.

The Louisa Board of Trade met in regular monthly session Monday night at the city hall, with a fairly good attendance.

The chief subject discussed was county roads with special reference to the situation in regard to the Mayo Trail. Also, the roads to Blaine and up the Point were considered. A resolution was adopted urging the Lawrence Fiscal Court to order the expenditure of the \$250,000 bond issue on the four roads designated when the vote was taken. This includes the two pieces of Mayo Trail from Louisa to Boyd county, and from Louisa to Blaine and Louisa to Martin county.

Attorney W. D. O'Neal of Catlettsburg, was present and made a good talk on roads. He said Catlettsburg people had fought for Mayo Trail to follow the river route, but after they had joined hands with those who worked for the East Fork route and now all efforts are concentrated on that line. Work is actually going ahead on the Mayo Trail in Boyd county now.

A movement to get certain kinds of factories started here was reported to be in progress.

Rev. Chap suggested that a gasoline launch to be used on the river should be provided by Louisa business men for the use of parties of young people through the summer at small rates of hire. He believes it would be a wholesome and enjoyable method of entertainment, a thing that is badly needed here, he said.

Marriage of Mr.

Ezra Hatten and Miss

Florence Bradley

Mr. Ezra Hatten and Miss Florence Bradley were married Wednesday night of this week at the residence of Hon. E. E. Shannon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Chap, of the M. E. Church. There were about 25 guests present. Refreshments were served.

The happy couple already is domiciled in the home on Jefferson street, owned for several years by Mr. Hatten. Their friends regard this as a very happy match and predict a life of joy for them.

Mr. Hatten says the firm is now Hatten & Hatten and that the business of manufacturing the "Oil of Seven Pines" will go on under the enlarged firm name. He is well known throughout the Big Sandy Valley, which he has traversed for many years as a salesman.

Oil Association Elects

East Kentucky Men

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20.—A. R. Marshall, Lexington, was re-elected president of the Kentucky Oil Men's Association at a meeting of the directors held here this afternoon.

The following vice presidents were named: Sam J. Patrick, Salersville; J. H. Rice, Paintsville; Lewis Hays, Jr., Jackson; H. R. Lovick, Jr., Lexington; W. Spencer, Winchester; C. W. Veitch, George S. Walden and W. A. Bankton, all of Bowling Green, and J. B. Wood, Monticello.

E. E. Loomis, Lexington, was re-elected secretary and W. H. Courtney, Lexington, was selected as treasurer.

Jogan Laney, Lexington, was named as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Marshall has been head of the association since last summer, when he was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Dudley Foster, Lexington.

The Legislative Committee will be composed of Rex Carpenter, Martin E. Kelly, Frank H. Russell of Louisville, H. Green Garrett, John H. Gardner, David Browning, L. C. Young, J. C. McComb, James H. Turner and John E. Shattford.

14,000 Foreigners Reach

U. S. Over Week-End

New York, Dec. 20.—Eighty immigration inspectors at Ellis Island were overwhelmed with work today as a result of the arrival of 14,000 immigrants over the week-end, all asking admission to this country before Christmas. Officials said there was little chance that all of the 14,000 would be examined before Saturday.

The immigrants hail from every part of Europe and some come from Latin-American countries.

A group of nearly 400 Portuguese arrived on the steamship Leica to join a Portuguese colony in New Bedford, Mass. Hundreds of Spaniards also arrived, many planning to go to Pennsylvania mine fields.

Refugees from Poland and Armenia also came in large numbers.

Notice to Holders of

Lawrence County Claims

The County Treasurer has sufficient funds in his hands to pay all outstanding county claims of the levy of 1919-1920. All claim holders will present their claims at once for payment.

W. T. CAIN

County Treasurer.

12-19-26-31

14 Kentucky Crops Worth \$229,927,000

Washington, Dec. 20.—Fourteen Kentucky crops this year were valued at \$229,927,000, the Department of Agriculture announced today. Corn heads the list with a production of 190,650,000 bushels valued at \$82,532,000. Tobacco ranks second with a production of 467,500,500 pounds valued, according to the department's figures, at \$79,125,000. This estimate was made on a basis of 15 cents the pound.

The other Kentucky crop productions and their estimated values are: Wheat, 5,610,000 bushels valued at \$10,715,000; oats, \$225,000 bushels valued at \$6,004,000; barley, 112,000 bushels valued at \$129,000; rye, 480,000 bushels valued at \$720,000; potatoes, 6,425,000 bushels valued at \$9,637,500; sweet potatoes, 1,890,000 bushels valued at \$2,835,000; tame hay, 1,497,000 tons valued at \$32,934,000; wild hay, 11,000 tons valued at \$165,000; clover seed, 52,000 bushels valued at \$780,000; apples, 5,730,000 bushels valued at \$9,224,000; peaches, 1,560,000 bushels valued at \$3,510,000; pears, 395,000 bushels valued at \$601,000.

SEND THE NEWS AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

There is yet time to order the Big Sandy News sent to your friends for 1921 as a Christmas present. We have handsome cards printed in three colors which we send to the person to whom the paper is ordered, thus giving proper notification of your gift.

Several subscriptions of this kind have been received this week. As the NEWS reaches the recipients during the year it will be a weekly reminder of your regard and thoughtfulness. Do it now.

FREE COURSE FOR

EX-SERVICE MEN

County Agent G. C. Baker is in position to send any ex-soldiers of the late war to Lexington for the short agricultural course beginning January 4th and lasting until March 1st. This is absolutely free to ex-service men and is a fine opportunity. Apply to Mr. Baker at once.

FINAL CENSUS

FIGURES GIVEN

105,708,771 POPULATION IN UNITED STATES, OFFICIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS SHOWS.

Washington.—Population of the United States January 1 of this year, as enumeration in the fourteenth census, was 105,708,771, as announced by the Census Bureau for certification to Congress as the basis for reapportionment of the members of the House of Representatives from the various States.

The population with outlying possessions is 117,357,509, the outlying possessions being: Alaska, 54,599; American Samoa, 8,065; Guam, 13,375; Hawaii, 255,912; Panama Canal Zone, 22,858; Porto Rico, 1,293,879; military and naval service abroad, 117,238; Philippine Islands, 10,350,649; Virgin Islands of the United States, 26,051.

The population of continental United States as announced shows a gain of 25,663 over the preliminary figures announced October 7.

The population of the States is as follows:

Alabama, 2,318,174.

Arizona, 333,903.

Arkansas, 1,772,264.

California, 3,425,561.

Colorado, 939,679.

Connecticut, 1,330,631.

Delaware, 235,003.

District of Columbia, 437,571.

Florida, 959,479.

Georgia, 2,895,832.

Idaho, 431,666.

Illinois, 6,456,280.

Indiana, 2,930,390.

Iowa, 2,404,021.

Kansas, 1,769,257.

KENTUCKY, 2,416,630.

Louisiana, 1,798,509.

Maine, 768,014.

Maryland, 1,449,661.

Massachusetts, 3,852,356.

Michigan, 3,668,412.

Minnesota, 3,387,125.

Mississippi, 1,789,678.

Missouri, 3,394,055.

Montana, 54,899.

Nebraska, 1,296,372.

Nevada, 77,407.

New Hampshire, 443,083.

New Jersey, 3,155,900.

New Mexico, 360,350.

New York, 10,384,829.

North Carolina, 2,559,123.

North Dakota, 645,680.

Ohio, 5,759,394.

Oklahoma, 2,025,253.

Oregon, 783,389.

Pennsylvania, 8,720,017.

Rhode Island, 604,397.

South Carolina, 1,683,734.

South Dakota, 636,547.

Tennessee, 2,337,885.

Texas, 4,662,228.

Utah, 449,395.

Vermont, 352,428.

Virginia, 2,309,187.

Washington, 1,856,621.

West Virginia, 1,463,701.

Wisconsin, 2,632,067.

Wyoming, 194,402.

Kentucky Fifteenth State.

Kentucky ranks as the fifteenth State in population. The increase between 1910 and 1920 was 126,725, or 6.5 per cent, as compared with 142,731, or 6.6 per cent between 1900 and 1910.

"NOW OR NEVER" SAYS MAGISTRATE

QUICK ACTION WILL SAVE TWO ROADS AND KEEP FAITH WITH WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

In my opinion it is high time Lawrence county was doing something. Let's wake up and get busy and grasp the opportunity that confronts us and get out of the mud.

We have slept valuable time away too often. So let's put an end to half doing things. What we do, let's do with our might.

A petition calling for an election on a bond issue, as we all know, specified four roads leading out of our county seat. This bond issue of \$250,000, if I understand it right, must be divided equally on these four roads. Now as the Mayo Trail has taken over two of the roads we still have our \$250,000, and according to the petition we can't spend the whole amount on the other two roads any more than we could let the State have the whole amount to put on their two. Some may call it a gift to let the State have \$125,000 to spend on these two roads, but it is not a gift. We are bound by the petition to spend this money on these roads the same as we are on the other two roads. If we refuse to let the State have this money and lose this project where do we stand?

If the State should build this road without any help from us what are we going to do with the \$125,000? According to the petition it can not all be spent on the other two roads, so it looks to me that to let the State have the money is about the only thing we can do, especially as the State has not the money at present to meet the first payrolls.

So let's get out of this "rule or ruin" attitude and strike while the iron is hot.

Respectfully,

J. S. CHAPMAN, J. P.

No Special Session of

Legislature to be Called

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20.—Lack of a definite programme of legislation for financing State highway projects added to the evidence that a special session of the General Assembly is not in immediate contemplation when Governor Morrow conferred today with representatives of the Louisville Automobile Club and Board of Trade and Joe S. Boggs, State Highway Engineer.

The conference was called by Governor Morrow and was attended by President Albert Terstege, Secretary Eugene Stuart and Dr. Richard R. Elmore of the automobile club, Secretary William Morrow of the Board of Trade, Lee Miles, president of the Louisville branch, National Safety League, and Alex Johnson.

The motor vehicle license law, the road situation generally and finances in particular were discussed. Governor Morrow said he intends to appoint a committee to outline a plan of financing the highway system before the General Assembly meets so that the public may be acquainted with what is proposed to be done and how it is to be done, and the members of the General Assembly will not have to work in the dark and at cross purposes. He asked that one or two representatives of the automobile club be named to act with the committee.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carey expect the following guests for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnston, of Nitro, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson and son, Jack, of Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carey and daughter, Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roberts, Phil and Dorothy Roberts, and Millard F. Carey, of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carey, of Lynch; C. W. Carey and family of Wilbur; Lys Carey and family, D. J. Burdett, Jr., and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McDonald of this place.

O. M. ELAM RETIRES FROM ASHLAND BANK

On January 1, Oliver M. Elam, Cashier Ashland Day & Night Bank, will retire from this institution, he having disposed of all his interests. He will be succeeded by Mr. L. E. Davis of the W. E. Faulkner Co. Mr. Elam has been connected with the bank since its organization over four years ago, and it is with reluctance he severs his connection with them, but his coal and oil interests require his attention and he expects to devote his entire attention to these interests.

SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT.

Sheriff Wm. Taylor settled in full with the State December 1st, being one of the first in the State to do so. The amount paid over was the largest ever collected. The Fiscal Court will pass on this delinquent list next Monday and Tuesday.

DEATH OF A. D. BURNS.

Alvin D. Burns died at his home in Ashland Tuesday night after an illness of several years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean Burns, one son, Daniel, 14, a daughter, Mary Catherine, 11. He moved to Ashland from Grayson a few years ago where he had been C. & O. agent a number of years.

ALBERT RAY DIES.

Albert Ray, one of Wayne county's most highly respected citizens, died at his home on Lynn creek, near Shoals, December 14, aged 76 years, 10 months and 20 days.</